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The Honorable Caspar W. Weinburger
The Secretary of Defense

Attention: Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On February 24, 1981, we advised you that we were starting a review of the protection of national security information by contractors under assignment code 009703. Because a significant part of the industrial security program involves special access programs and carveout contracts, it is essential that our staff review the applicable requirements for physical and personnel security and their implementation by contractors.

With your Department's concurrence, three of our staff members have been granted special intelligence clearances by the Central Intelligence Agency. However, that alone may not be sufficient for them to discuss security matters with contractor personnel. As we understand the situation, permission of the Department's components, responsible for the specific programs, may also be needed. For that reason, we are requesting that you advise Departmental components to authorize contractor personnel to cooperate with Irving T. Boker, James F. Reid, and James D. Moses in their efforts to evaluate this highly sensitive and critical area.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John M. Lovelady, Group Director, on 275-3532 or Mr. Irving T. Boker on 275-6531.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold P. Jones
Senior Associate Director

cc: Secretary of the Air Force
Secretary of the Army
Secretary of the Navy
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